GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

ITE&C - In principle approval for establishing IT Emerging Technologies Research University at Visakhapatnam – Orders – Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS and COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt.No.62 Dated:11 -08-2022

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1. G.O. MS. No. 6, Andhra Pradesh Information Technology (IT) 2021-2024 Policy, ITE&C Dept, Dt:16-07-2021.
2. Discussions and presentations held with Hon'ble CM by Shri. Rentala Chandrashekar IAS (Retd.), Expert Group lead on proposed University for IT Emerging Technologies Research, Dt: 17-09-2021 and 06-12-2021.

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New and Emerging Technologies are now central to the rapid growth of any modern economy. Government of AP recognizes the importance of having high-quality institutions focused on such technologies including the establishment of a world-class university which can make a global and national impact while facilitating the social and economic development of the state. Other key motivations for establishing such a university are that a very high proportion of professional technologists of Indian origin overseas are from the AP region. However, the state does not have any major university of global standing. Modern economies are innovation driven wherein research and development (R&D) are critical for innovation. This aspect needs to be strengthened in AP. There is an opportunity to imagine afresh the structure, impact/ contribution, and teaching/ learning ambience (including pedagogy) of a new institution in a global context.

2. Against this backdrop, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has envisioned the development of a strong New and Emerging Technologies ecosystem in the state of Andhra Pradesh supported by leading edge Research and Development that will both leverage and enhance the existing strength of the human capital of the state commensurate with global requirements and standards.

3. In pursuance of the above vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, it has been decided to facilitate the establishment of a world class, academically excellent, research-intensive University focused on New and Emerging Technologies at Visakhapatnam. In furtherance of this intent, Andhra Pradesh IT Policy, 2021-2024 Dt: 16-07-2021 has reiterated the Vision for establishing an IT and Emerging Technologies Research University at Visakhapatnam which shall aim to sustain and advance the

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position of the state as a leading contributor to the national talent pool in IT and cutting-edge emerging technologies. The policy further states that this university shall foster and combine innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry growth. The university will be positioned to attract top academicians and IT majors besides building collaboration with leading national and global Institutions to serve industry needs. The primary focus of the university would be on research leading to creation and application of new and emerging technologies related to IT and the digital domain.

4. In order to develop a more specific proposition for establishing a University focused on New and Emerging Technologies and make suitable recommendations in this regard, an Expert group led by Shri. Rentala Chandrashekar IAS (Retd.) was set up comprising the following experts as mentioned below along with Principal Secretary, ITE&C Department, Govt. of AP, Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education and Commissioner of Collegiate Education.

i. Prof U B Desai (former Director, IIT-H)
ii. Prof Rajiv Sangal (former Director, IIT-BHU and IIIT-Hyderabad)
iii.Prof Pankaj Chandra (VC, Ahmedabad University)
iv.Prof P J Narayanan (Director, IIIT-H)
v. Prof Pankaj Jalote (former Director, IIIT-Delhi)

5. The said Expert group has meticulously analysed the opportunity and potential for setting up the said university in Andhra Pradesh at Visakhapatnam. After detailed consideration, the Expert Group submitted an 'Initial Concept Note and Proposal' including an estimate of Rs. 500 Cr towards the capital expenditure (CAPEX). Faculty and student strength as well as focus areas for the initial phase and corresponding operational expenditure were also estimated by the Group. The report was presented to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, and it was decided in principle, that necessary preparatory steps should be taken for the establishment of the University as a fully autonomous institution in the Public Private Partnership Mode wherein the state Government would provide the land and capex and appropriate donors/ sponsors would provide the recurring expenditure and/or corpus fund. After suitable partners are identified and a threshold of financial commitment is achieved, a detailed joint proposal with the partners should be placed before the Government for approval and necessary legislative approval as may be required.

6. In the above context, Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accords approval for undertaking necessary preparatory steps for the establishment of New and Emerging Technologies University at Visakhapatnam in the PPP mode wherein the State Government can consider the giving support through Capital expenditure not exceeding Rs. 500 Crores. (Operational expenditure shall be met by the University itself in a phased manner through its own revenues and other sources to be identified as a part of the preparatory measures) and allocation of 100 Acres land in or around Visakhapatnam for establishment of the University.

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7. The expert group shall continue to extend its advisory support as required for establishing and operationalizing the University. A designated committee or team as decided by Principal Secretary ITE&C, may be formed which is permitted to reach out to potential donors/investors to raise the necessary corpus and funds to meet the operational expenditure of the University. The team may seek guidance of Shri R. Chandrashekhar, IAS as required.

8. Further to concretize the proposal and take up the pre inception works as deemed necessary, a seed fund of Rs.10 Crores shall be provided by Government which can be capitalized later as a part of the capex support by the State. Pre-incorporation steps may include but not be limited to: identifying and earmarking a suitable parcel of land (actual assignment will take place after the final detailed proposal is approved), design of campus (without undertaking actual construction), creating suitable concept presentation for potential donors/ funders, undertaking a suitable global search for a VC/ Director for the Institution (actual appointment will be made only after approval of the final detailed proposal), obtaining commitments from funders/ sponsors after due consideration of the support available from the state, detailed plan for implementation of phase I of the University with detailed cost estimates, etc. The said fund shall be released to any of the agency operating under the control of ITE&C Department as decided by the Principal Secretary, ITE&C Dept.

9. All the concerned departments shall take the necessary actions accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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